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EXAMINER:

FOR: HOT-ROLLED WIRE ROD, EXCELLENT IN WIRE DRAWABILITY, ALLOWING HEAT TREATMENT PRIOR TO WIRE DRAWING TO BE OMITTED

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AO JP 10-280051

This prior art document relates to a wire rod or steel wire excellent in wire drawability and its production.

AP JP 10-317098

This prior art document relates to a high carbon steel wire rod excellent in wire drawability and having low strength.

AQ JP 2001-131697

This prior art document relates to a steel wire rod, steel wire and producing method therefor.

LIST OF RELATED CASES

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